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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

(Council) – Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Meeting of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils *Snapper Grouper* Advisory Panel (AP).

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) will hold a meeting of its *Snapper Grouper* AP in North Charleston, South Carolina.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, and end at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, to view the agenda, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd., North Charleston, SC 29418; phone 877/227-6963 or 843/744-4422; fax 843/744-4472.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The items of discussion in the meeting agenda are as follows:

- The AP will receive updates on the status of fishery management plan
 amendments under development and recently implemented and stock assessments
 underway for four species in the *snapper grouper* management complex.
- 2. The AP will review and provide recommendations as appropriate on the following amendments currently under development:
 - a. Amendment 37 to the *Snapper Grouper* Fishery Management Plan addressing the management of *hogfish*;
 - b. Amendment 41 to the *Snapper Grouper* Fishery Management Plan addressing management measures for *mutton snapper*; and
 - c. For-Hire Electronic Reporting Amendment.
- 3. The AP will receive updates on the draft Allocations Amendment (for *yellowtail snapper*) and a draft amendment resulting from Visioning Project.
- 4. The AP will receive an update on the January 2016 Citizen Science Workshop.
- 5. The AP will elect a new chair and vice-chair.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for

auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see ADDRESSES) 3 days prior to

the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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